

REMARKS

A petition to extend the time for response by three (3) months is enclosed herewith.

Claims 11 and 13-25 were previously pending in the application. By the Amendment, Claim 11 is currently amended, Claims 21, 22, 24 and 25 are canceled without prejudice and Claims 13-20 and 23 remain unchanged.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's granting an interview on December 9, 2008. During the interview, Applicant pointed out that Claim 23 depends from Claim 11 rather than 21 as it was treated in the previous Office Action. The Examiner agreed, and further agreed that, therefore, Claim 23 is allowable. Applicant agreed to submit an amendment to address the antecedent basis issue noted in Claim 11 and to cancel the rejected claims 21, 22, 24 and 25.

Regarding the aforesaid antecedent basis problem with Claim 11, Claim 11 stands rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for the use of "media to be compressed" on one hand and the less-specific "medium" on the other hand. By the present Amendment, Applicant has amended Claim 11 in a manner that harmonizes usage of the word "media" such that Claim 11 should no longer be considered indefinite. It is therefore respectfully requested that the outstanding rejection of Claim 11 under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, be withdrawn.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication that Claims 11, 13-20 and 23 include allowable subject matter.

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Allowable original Claim 11 has been rewritten in a manner to overcome the rejection under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph and should be considered in condition for allowance. Dependent Claims 13-20 and 23 depend from independent Claim 11 and are allowable for the same and other reasons.

Certain claims stand rejected under the cited prior art of record. Specifically, Claims 21, 22, 24 and 25 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over EP Patent No. EP 0509660 to Terauchi in view of US Patent no. 6398523 to Hur et al.

Claims 21, 22, 24 and 25 have been cancelled, rendering the foregoing art rejection moot.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, entry of the present Amendment and allowance of Claims 11, 13-20 and 23 are respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned. If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made.

Respectfully submitted,



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